

**EMS for Children Committee Meeting  
Richmond Marriott West  
Richmond, VA  
January 17, 2008  
3-5 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Theresa Guins</b> , MD, EMSC, Committee Chair/Pediatric Medical Director	Wanda Street, OEMS, Secretary Senior	
<b>David P. Edwards</b> , OEMS EMS for Children Coordinator		
<b>Petra Connell</b> , EMSC Principal Investigator Representative		
<b>Paul Sharpe</b> , OEMS Trauma/Critical Care Coordinator		
<b>Jodi Kuhn</b> , OEMS Biostatistics Analyst		
<b>Barbara Kahler</b> , MD, VA AAP Representative		
<b>Kimberly Burt</b> , DMV, Highway Safety Office		
<b>Cathy Fox</b> , Virginia Emergency Nurses Association		

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Guins at 3:08 p.m.	
<b>Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2007 Meeting:</b>	A motion was made to approve the minutes.	<b>The minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report – Dr. Theresa Guins:</b>	<p><b>a. Child Abuse and Neglect Legislation Update</b> As of last Wednesday, Senator McDougle submitted SB228 to add EMS providers to the list of mandated reporters. This bill is on the general assembly agenda tomorrow. Based on the survey that was performed by OEMS and other emails, there is great support and we have the best chance this year to get this bill passed.</p> <p><b>b. Representative for Professional Development Committee</b> We need to select a representative from this committee to the professional development committee of the advisory board to deal with educational and training issues. If anyone would like to volunteer for that position, please let me know within the next few days. David is interested, if no one else wants to.</p> <p><b>c. Miscellaneous</b> As of August, Dr. Guins will have to relinquish her seat as the Chair of this committee. Dr. Guins would like to ask Dr. Robin Foster to be her replacement. She is also open to other recommendations. Dr. Lapetina is also interested. We need to think about this in the next couple of weeks. Three names will be submitted to the VA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Those names are then</p>	

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	submitted to the Governor and the Governor appoints the person. Betsy Smith and I had a conversation regarding her position as the parent rep. If I become the PI, then that would “bump” Petra out of her position. So I was thinking that Betsy and Petra could share the parent rep position, if one cannot be here the other will. Everyone thought this was a good idea.	
<b>OEMS Report – Paul Sharpe:</b>	<p><b>a. General Assembly Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB479 &amp; SB344 - Stroke Triage Plan - Board of Health to develop and maintain as component of EMS Plan. This is similar to the trauma triage process. OEMS will establish a stroke designation process.</li> <li>• SB197 – Brain Injuries; eliminates requirement that hospitals report to the registry of the Dept. of Rehabilitative Services (DRS), but requires the Department of Health to share all information that is obtained through the Virginia Statewide Trauma Registry with DRS.</li> <li>• HB191 &amp; 192 involves clean up language pertaining to temporary suspension of permits and certificates pending hearing and “volunteer rescue squads” being replaced with the term “agency, entity, or provider licensed or certified by the Office of Emergency Medical Services.”</li> <li>• HB248 involves emergency medical services personnel; definitions.</li> <li>• SB168 proposes a tax incentive for volunteer EMS personnel and firefighters.</li> <li>• SB503 proposes to establish the Office of EMS as the Department of EMS under the Secretary of Public Safety. This bill has been pulled as of yesterday.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Committee Member Changes Anticipated</b></p> <p>As of August, Dr. Guins’ second term on the EMS Advisory Board will come to an end. She can then no longer chair this committee. Discussions have been held as to who would be a suitable replacement. Dr. Robin Foster and Dr. Joanne Lapetina have been mentioned as two individuals who may be interested in the position. We need to think about this in the next couple of weeks. Three names will be submitted to the VA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Those names are then submitted to the Governor and the Governor appoints the person.</p> <p>There has also been discussion about the parent representative position. As Petra will no longer be the PI on the EMSC grant, and thereby, no longer have a seat on the committee, the suggestion has been made that Betsy Smith and Petra Menzel share the parent rep. position. This will enable the committee to retain the wealth of experience that both of them bring and ensure representation at every meeting. Everyone thought this was a good idea.</p> <p><b>c. Miscellaneous</b></p> <p>We have a new State Health Commissioner, Dr. Karen Remley. We look forward to meeting her and working with her.</p> <p>The new regulations went into effect on January 1 for the new Regional Council designation process. OEMS will be going out to visit each council and designate. We are restructuring the Regional Councils and instead of having 11 councils, we will have 7. There is a web page on our website called Regional Coordination with all of the information regarding the regulations and the designation process. The DDNR regulations have been updated and the NOIRA has been passed.</p> <p>The Trauma Triage process is being carefully reviewed and Jodi is evaluating data dating back to 1994.</p>	

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<p><b>EMSC Program Report-David Edwards:</b></p>	<p>We want to know whether the process is working or not.</p> <p><b>a. EMSC State Partnership Grant Update</b>  There were some recent reporting deadlines that have been met. HRSA, who provides the federal EMSC State Partnership Grants, is coming to do a “performance review” of our grant this summer—I should be receiving more of the details next week. The emphasis at the national level is on specific “performance measures”, which have very recently been revised. A list of the performance measures (numbered 66 – 68 with sub-measures) was handed out to everyone. OEMS is looking at several different ways to accomplish the surveying since some agencies do not have email addresses. The report is due the first week of February. Sixty-six (a) through sixty-six (e), will have to be surveyed except for the equipment issue. Sixty-seven through sixty-eight (d) have already been accomplished or are in progress and nearly accomplished, but some of those may have to be revisited and surveyed as well. Dave has electronic copies of the survey template and will forward them to anyone who is interested.</p> <p><b>b. Flex Grant Funds Update</b>  Hopefully we will get the MOA signed soon, so that we can start spending the money to get supplies purchased and facilitate cooperation in the upcoming assessments with the hospitals. Also, we want to encourage hospitals in organizing their equipment more effectively. Armstrong (and other manufacturers) has some very innovative new systems to help with that. Also, with some of the other money that we have access to, we would like to buy some of equipment for one of the needy hospitals to show them how it can work. When we visit some of the hospitals, we want to present them with a list of equipment and assist them if necessary in purchasing what they need.</p> <p><b>c. Child Restraints in Ambulances Update</b>  Per Kimberly Burt, there may be some grant funding for this project. We are researching what is available for ambulances in this regard and will provide it later this year on the EMSC website.</p> <p><b>d. Potential Mandatory Reporting Education</b>  OEMS has a long list of ways to educate providers, such as downloadable PowerPoint presentations, mass mailing, something a symposium, laminate cards and posters for ambulances and ERs, EMSAT, etc. Dr. Foster had mentioned a poster at a previous meeting. There may be an EMSAT video produced this summer, if the legislation passes. Even if the legislation does not pass, we will still produce the video as an educational piece to inform providers of what to we would like them to do and who to call.</p> <p><b>e. Miscellaneous</b>  The Virginia Inhalant Abuse Prevention Coalition is hosting an Inhalant Abuse Prevention Awareness Institute on March 12, 2008 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, VA. Also, there is Poison Prevention Training available on May 1, 2008 in Manassas, VA. (See the attachment for more information on these two events.)  The Center for Disease Control &amp; Prevention (CDC) has an initiative coming in March on Traumatic Brain Injury--go to the website: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a> for more information on this.</p>	<p><b>Dave will send survey to Barbara Kahler, Cathy Fox and Dr. Guins.</b></p> <p><b>Once agreement complete, Dave will begin planning for assessing CAH hospitals pediatric preparedness.</b></p> <p><b>Kimberly will report back.</b></p> <p><b>If SB 228 passes in some form, Dave will contact DSS and review existing mandatory reporting education before we develop EMS education component.</b></p>
<p><b>Committee Member Organization Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Jodi Kuhn:</b> The 2006 Trends brochure is available with data from the trauma registry and the pre-hospital database. If anyone has any suggestions for next year, please let Jodi know. There is also a</p>	

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	<p>PDF version of it on the OEMS website. The brochures were distributed to everyone in attendance.</p> <p><b>Paul Sharpe:</b> Nothing further.</p> <p><b>Cathy Fox, RN:</b> The Virginia Emergency Nurses Association will have quite a few nurses going to Washington, DC at the end of January for a government affairs update. Nurses from all over the country will be there. They will meet with their senators and representatives. This is funded by VENA. Our legislative day of the General Assembly is usually the first Wednesday and we have hundreds of nurses there.</p> <p>Per Dave the school nurse's resource binder is being revised to include disaster preparedness, terrorist attacks and other issues. Dave will get request assistance of Emergency Operations to potentially assist with this. Cathy has agreed to help with this also. Cathy has been selected to teach on pediatric psych patients at the 2008 symposium.</p> <p><b>Kimberly Burt:</b> Our department was formerly known as Transportation Safety at the Department of Motor Vehicles and is now the Virginia Highway Safety Office. We have just launched our website which can be accessed through the DMV website. Ms. Burt distributed cards which included the website address as well as 2008 Smart, Safe &amp; Sober Calendars which is funded by a grant through the VA Association Chief of Police. <b>We are in the process of accepting applications for the FY 2009 grants. For the upcoming grant year, we will be using an automated online process. There will be training dates on February 19 for non-profits and February 20 for state agencies. If interested in attending, email Ms. Burt at <a href="mailto:kimberly.burt@dmv.virginia.gov">kimberly.burt@dmv.virginia.gov</a>. Two sessions will be held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.</b> We are currently tracking some bills; however, I did not bring the information with me.</p> <p><b>Dr. Barbara Kahler:</b> The AAP is tracking some bills as well. We will be doing some legislative days and have one coming up next week. <b>Cathy will send Barbara and Dr. Guins the list of legislative committees with the chairs and members.</b></p> <p><b>Petra Connell:</b> No report.</p>	<p><b>Dave will get Emergency Operations Division of OEMS to assist with this binder.</b></p>
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p><b>a. CSHCN Tool Kit</b> The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) toolkits are still being put together and hopefully will be distributed soon.</p> <p><b>b. Mandatory Reporting Initiatives</b> Already discussed.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b>a. Performance Measures Definitions</b> Already discussed.</p> <p><b>b. Potential Research Initiatives</b> With all the data that we receive via the trauma registry and other registries, we should think about being involved in research from very simple questions to some descriptive research papers and possibly journal writing.</p> <p><b>c. Other</b> Cathy had a request to do another bicycle helmet rodeo; they did one a few years ago. The helmets ran out within the first 45 minutes. The people were very upset about them not having enough helmets.</p>	<p><b>If anyone has any research ideas, please let Dave know.</b></p>

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	She wants to know if there are any grants that could help with this project. It was suggested to try the regional councils. Target and Walmart has community funds, they may be of some help. Another suggestion is the Division of Injury and Violence Prevention of VDH, Heather Board is the contact person. Her email address is <a href="mailto:heather.board@vdh.virginia.gov">heather.board@vdh.virginia.gov</a> .	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:38 p.m.	Next meeting is April 10 <sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Marriot West.